

Argument in Favor of Proposition 60

Nobody should have to risk their health in order to keep their job!

A YES vote for Prop 60 is a vote to protect California adult film workers from disease.

Porn producers refuse to provide a safe workplace for their performers. As a result, thousands of workers have been exposed to serious and life-threatening diseases. *It is time to hold the pornographers accountable for worker safety and health in California's adult film industry.*

Since 1992, the law has required condom use in all adult films produced in California. According to Cal/OSHA, "*Condoms are required to protect adult film workers from exposure to HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.*" Prop 60 closes loopholes in the existing law and improves enforcement so pornographers can more readily be held accountable for the same workplace protection law that applies to every other California industry. Prop 60 only holds adult film producers, directors, and agents accountable—*not* adult film performers.

The American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and other major medical and public health institutions support the use of condoms in adult films. But pornographers blatantly ignore the law. They complain condom use in their films will hurt their profits. They fire and blacklist adult film performers who want to protect themselves with condoms.

When pornographers ignore the law, they expose their workers to HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes, hepatitis, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Scientific studies show adult film performers are far more likely to get sexually transmitted diseases than the general population. Thousands of cases of diseases—which can spread to the larger community—have been documented within the adult film industry in recent years.

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Pornographers say adult film performers are tested for disease. But testing (which the workers must pay for!) is inadequate. It does not effectively identify many sexually transmitted diseases in a timely manner. Condoms provide important additional protections. *Vote YES on Prop 60 for worker safety!*

We all pay the price because pornographers refuse to play by the rules. The lifetime cost to treat HIV is nearly half a million dollars *per person*. This industry has cost California taxpayers an estimated \$10 million in HIV treatment expenses alone. In addition, taxpayers pay hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to treat related diseases.

The need to strengthen existing law is particularly urgent now because the adult film industry is struggling to make profits. As a result, pornographers are more likely than ever to resist condom use. Prop 60 provides health officials with the enforcement tools they need to help ensure the law is enforced and adult film workers are adequately protected.

Pornographers have taken advantage of young working women and men for too long. Pornographers must not be allowed to continue to violate the law that protects these California workers. This is about fairness and responsibility. Visit FAIR4CA.org for more information.

VOTE YES ON PROP 60!

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